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DISTURBANCE IN CABLE NETWORK
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a breakdown in an international under sea cable network disrupted Internet Links in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken to restore the Internet and to prevent such disruption in future?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) One international under-sea cable system near Malaysia and two international under-sea cable systems near Egypt broke down in the month of January, 2008.

(c) All three international under-sea cable systems were repaired and Internet services restored to normal. Considering the techno-commercial viability, various service providers plan for restoration capacity on various under-sea cables to meet such exigencies.